

In re Appln. Of: Thomas E. Valiulis
Application No.: 10/689,283

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 14, 2005 has been carefully considered. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 but indicated claims 10-13 were allowable (but objected to as being in dependent form). By way of this amendment, claim 1 has been canceled and claims 2-6 and 10-13 have been amended. In particular, the allowable claims, claims 10-13 have each been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1 (which has been canceled). As a result of putting each of these formerly dependent claims into independent form, each of these claims are now allowable as indicated in the Office Action.

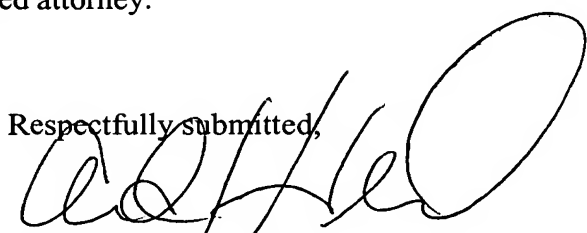
Additionally, each of the dependent claims 2-9 have been amended to depend either directly or through other dependent claims to allowable claim 13. Since these dependent claims all depend from an allowable claim, previous rejections of these claims are now moot.

In sum, Applicant has taken the allowable subject matter indicated in the Office Action rendering the prior art rejections moot. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and asks that the application now be passed to issuance.

CONCLUSION

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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